

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

Cleveland, OH

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (partner)

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Contributed Match: \$123,200

Established as the first housing authority chartered in the United States and the fifth oldest legal aid provider in the country, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (CLA) have worked diligently to serve low-income residents of Cuyahoga County and Greater Cleveland. The Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP) will afford the opportunity for CMHA and CLA to enhance their partnership to provide much needed legal services to targeted youth.

CLA will utilize its team of staff and volunteer attorneys who will provide assistance including community education/outreach and legal services, to eliminate legal barriers affecting targeted youth residing in or formerly residing in CMHA housing. CMHA will utilize its longstanding partnerships to facilitate access to community support and workforce development services of the CMHA Jobs Plus Program and Cleveland-Cuyahoga OhioMeansJobs that provide access to occupations in industries important to Cleveland ensuring a more stable future for JRAP youth while enhancing the local economy.

The **Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP)** seeks to [alleviate collateral consequences](#) associated with a juvenile or criminal record by assisting youth up to age 24 residing in public housing, or who would be residing in public housing but for their record, with—

- [Expunging, Sealing, and/or Correcting](#) Juvenile or Adult Records as permitted by State law (required services), and
- [Coordinating Supportive Services](#) to Assist Target Youth in Mitigating or Preventing Collateral Consequences (optional services), for example,
 - Reinstating revoked or suspended drivers' licenses,
 - Counseling regarding legal rights and obligations in searching for employment,
 - Providing guidance for readmission to school,
 - Creating or modifying child support orders and other family law services, and more.

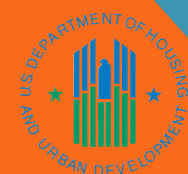
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Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program

a collaboration between the
U.S. Department of Housing
& Urban Development

&

the U.S. Office of Juvenile
Justice & Delinquency
Prevention



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